# N1503

# The Feast of the Red Corn

American Indian Operetta for Ladies



# 0verture

Book and lyrics and music by

PAUL BLISS





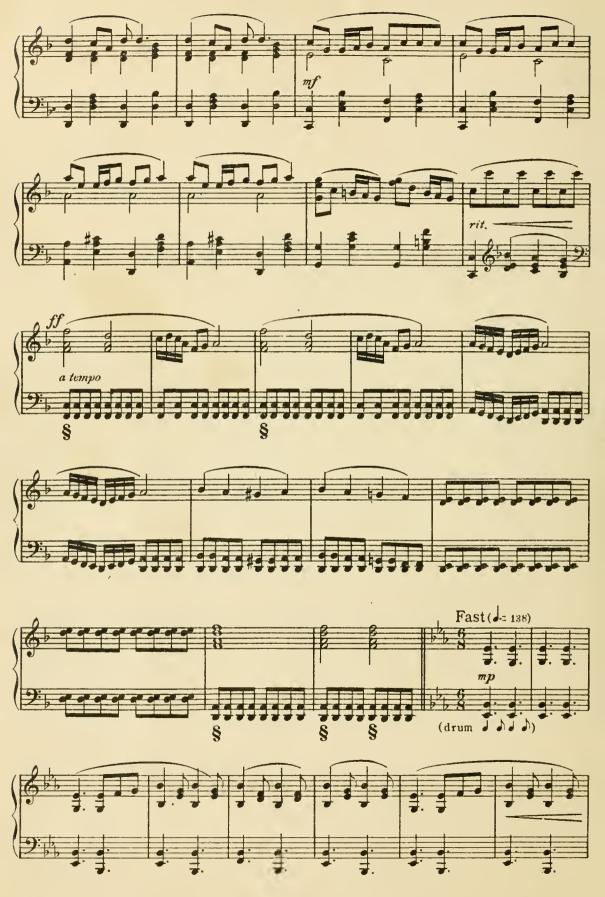




★ Use both bass and snare drum. Remove the snares from the snare drum and use snare drum sticks on both drums. § indicates bass drum indicates snare drum

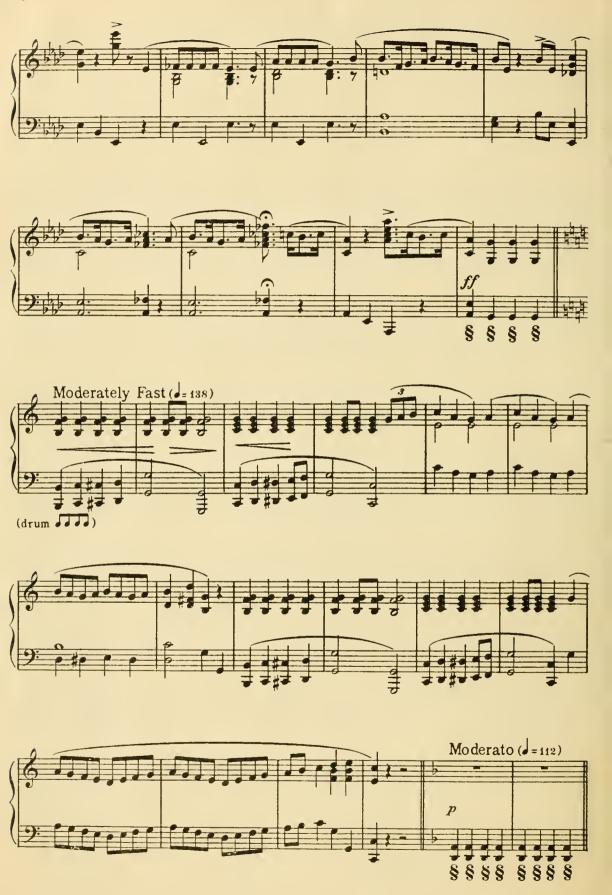
Public Performance Rights Reserved

For particulars see second page of cover





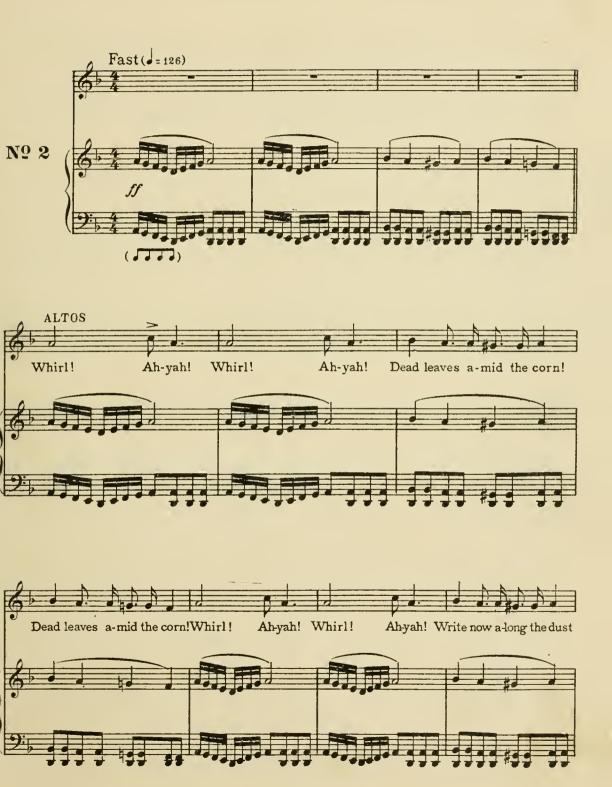






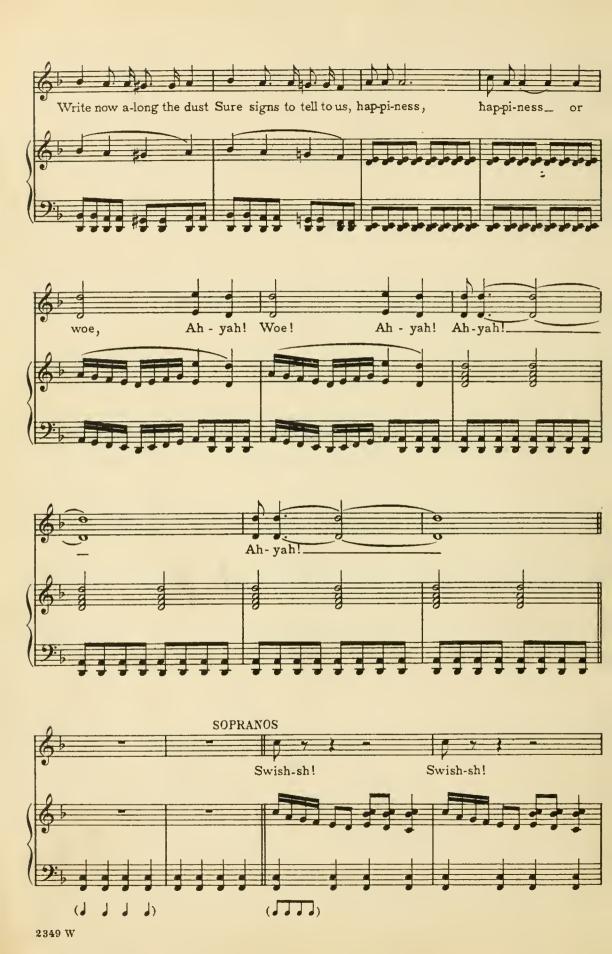


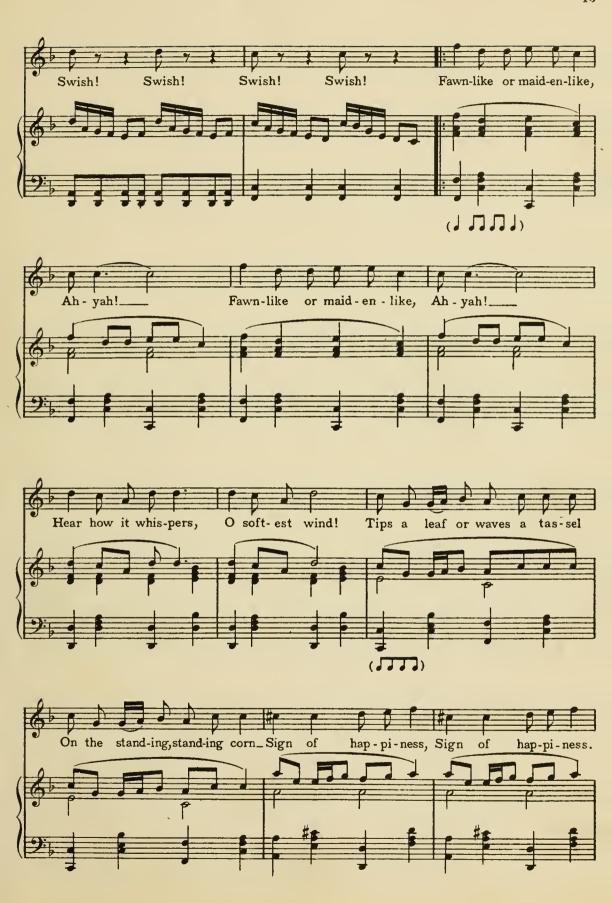
# Opening Chorus

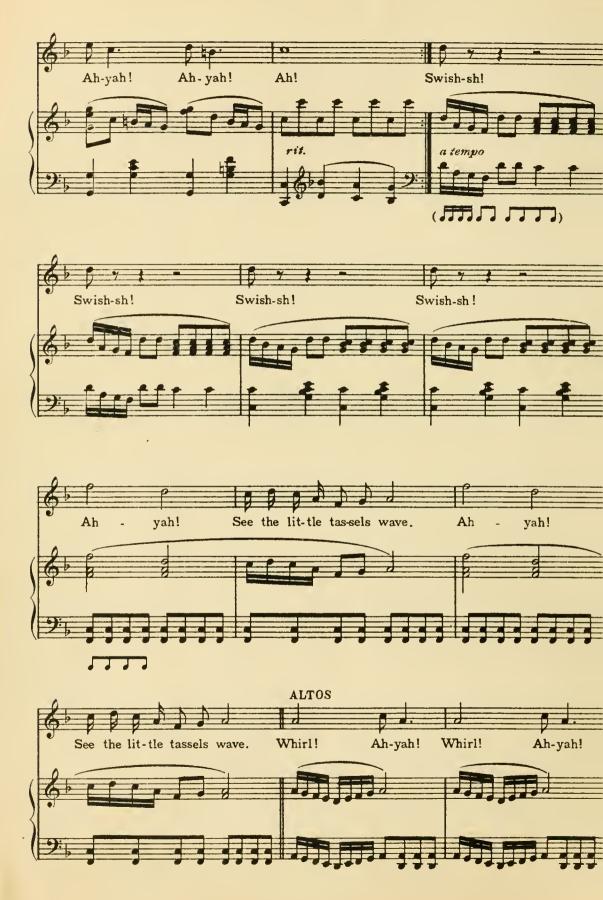


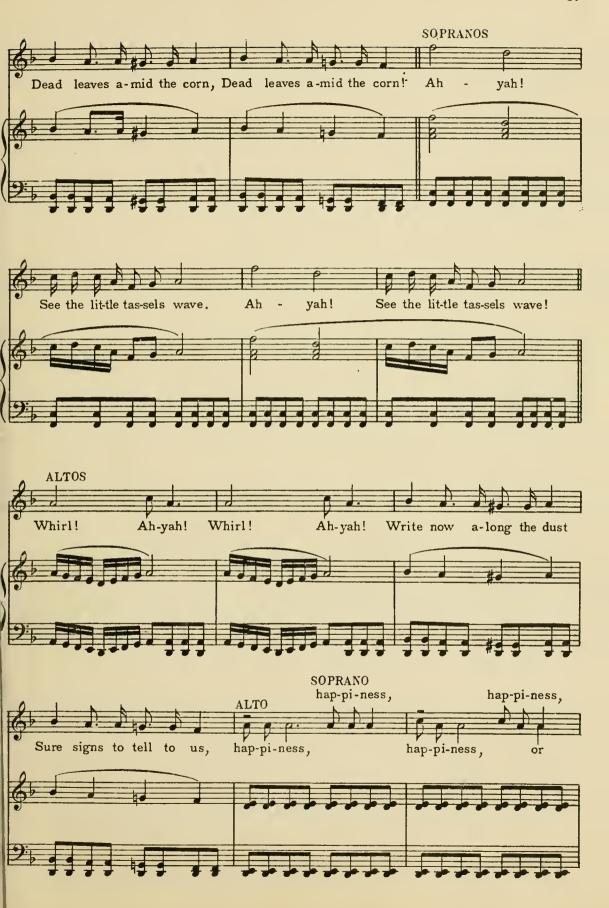


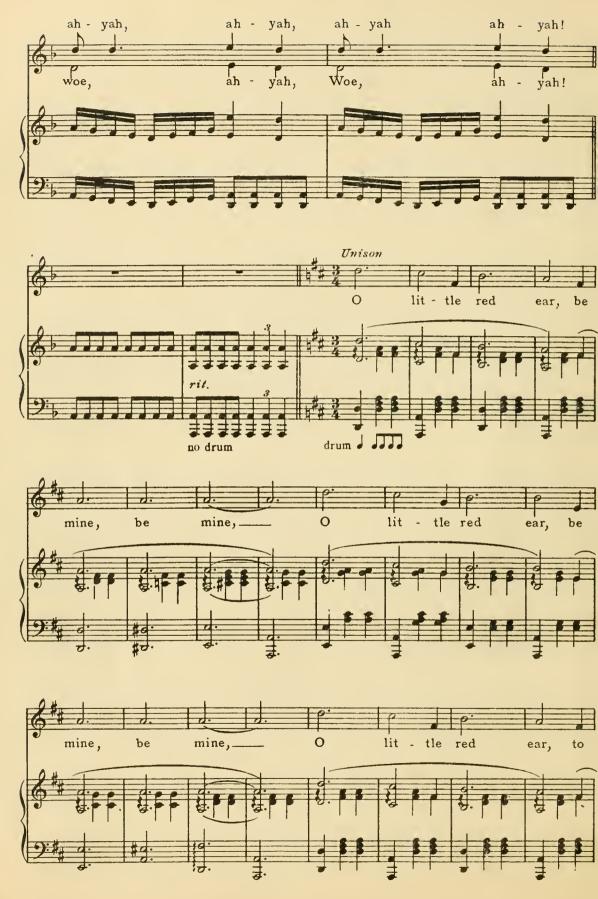


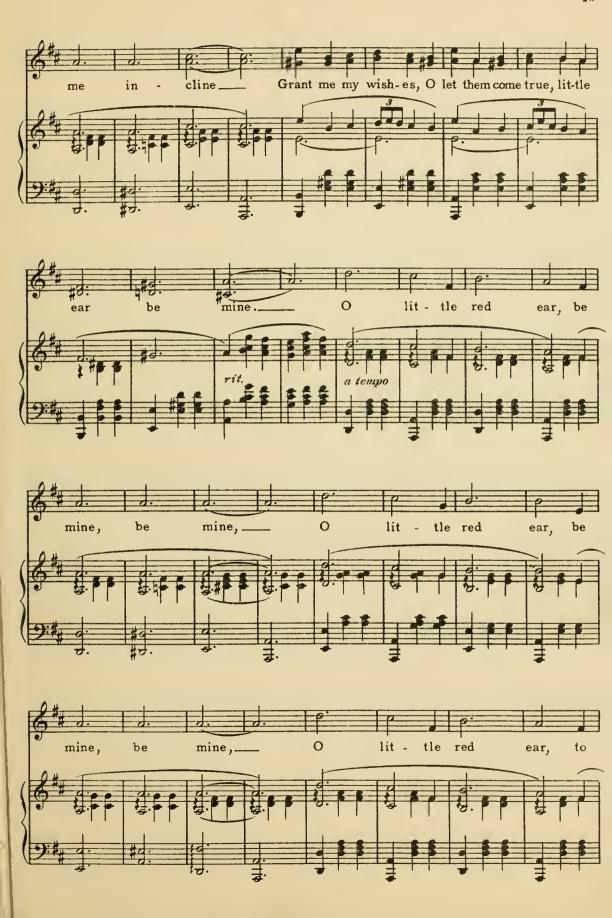




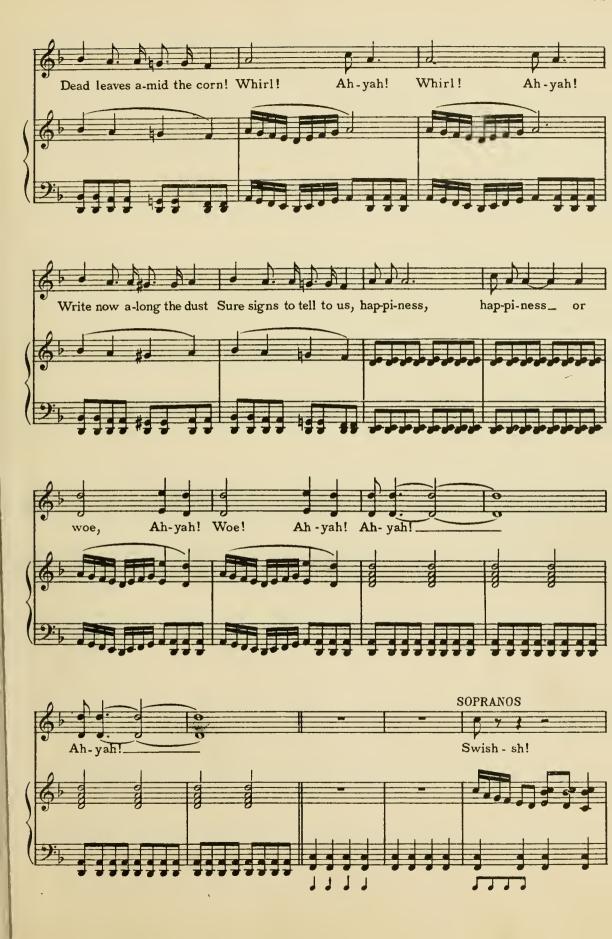


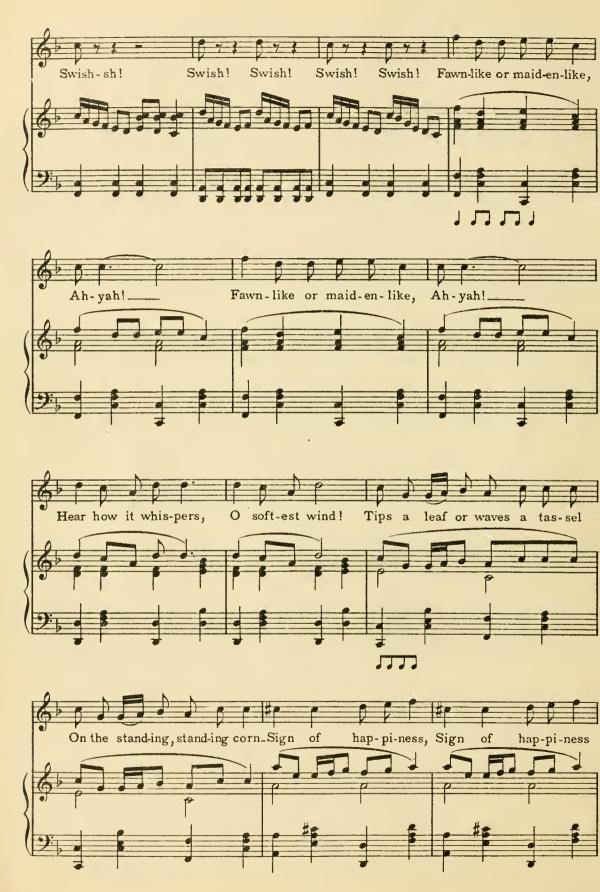


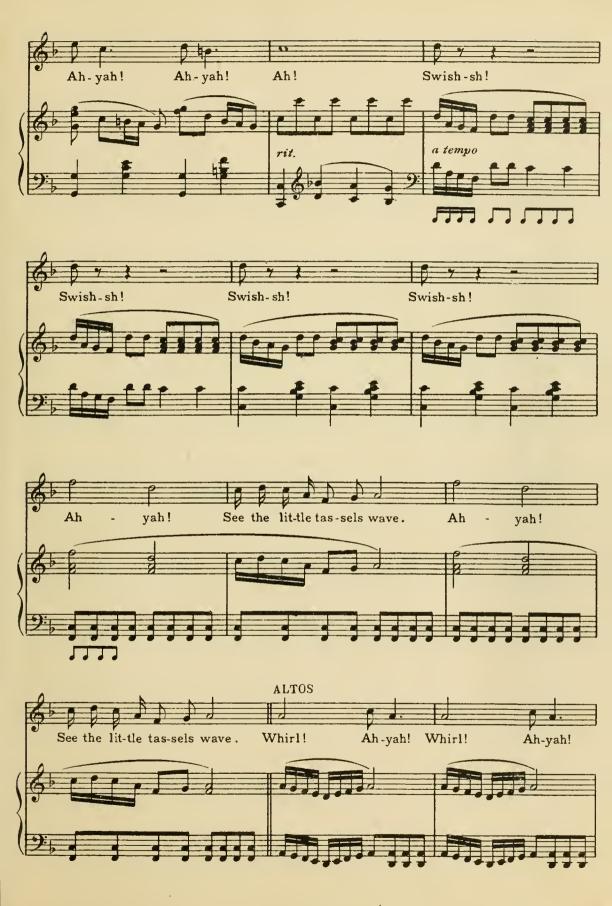


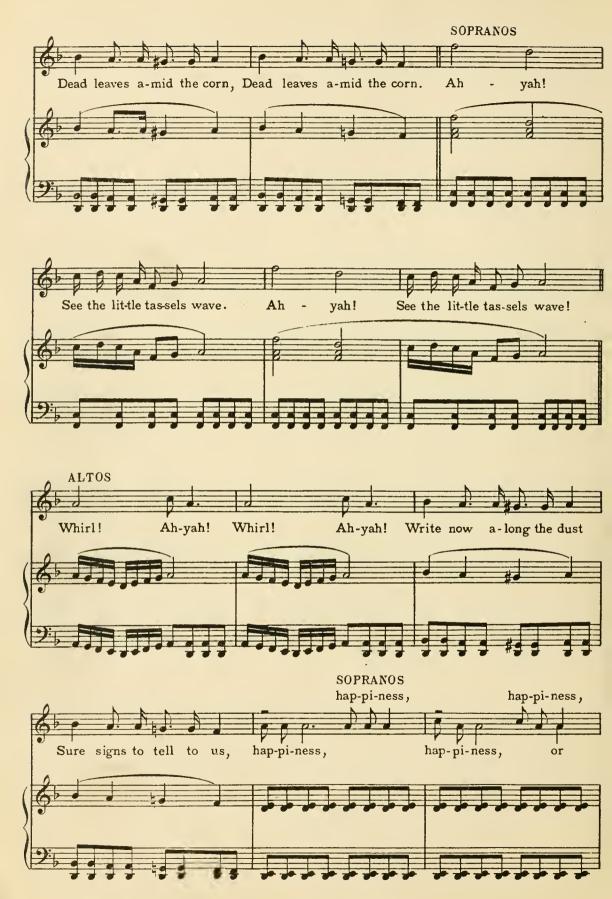










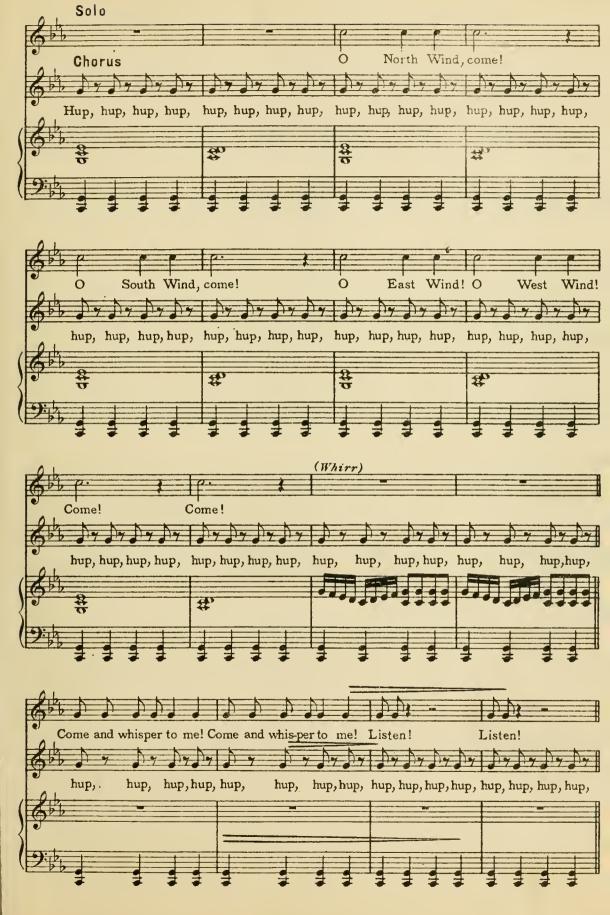


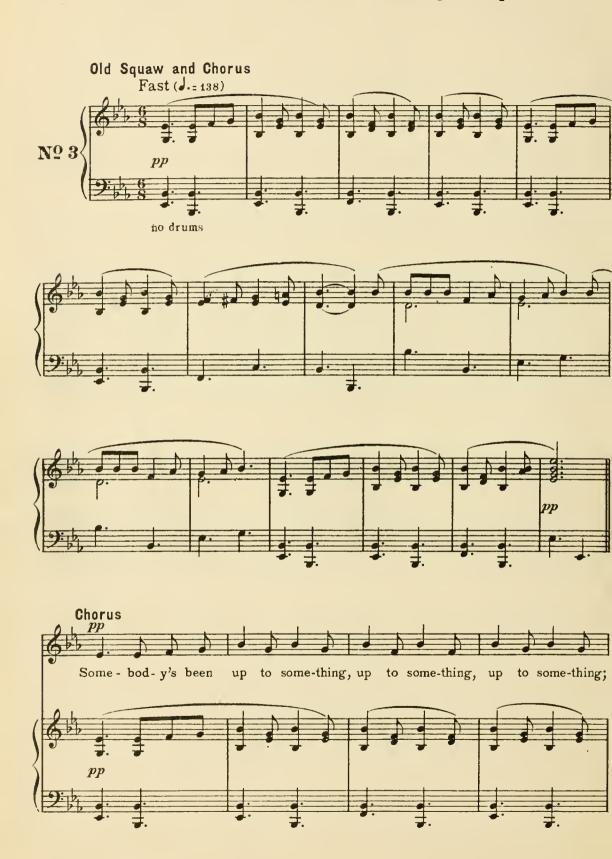


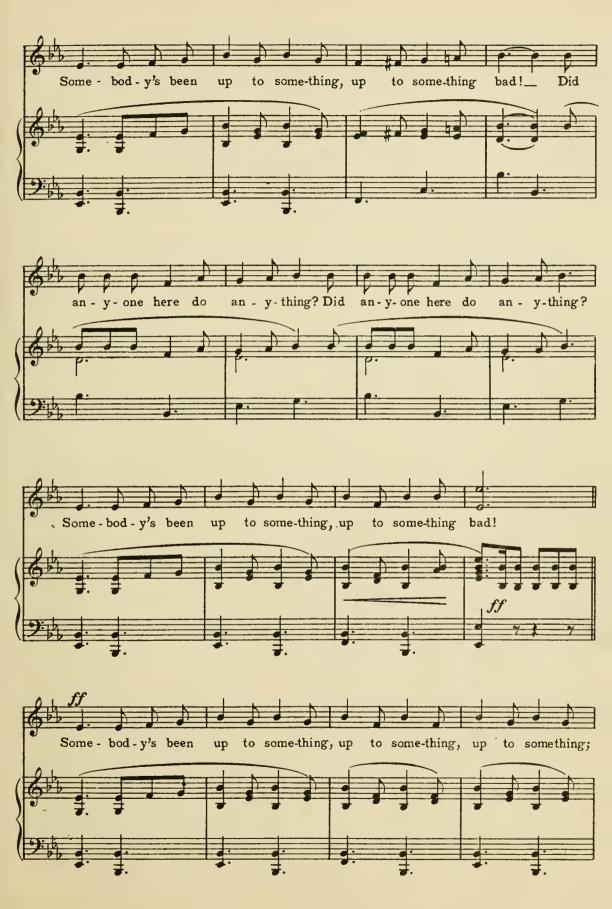


#### Old Squaw. (Spoken)

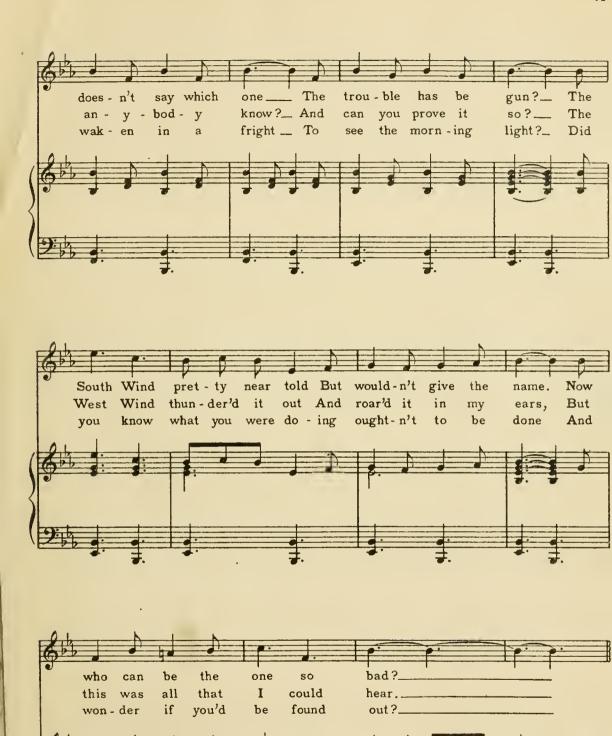
Last night, deep in the forest, I alone called to the Four Winds, called and cried to Four Winds. Come, whisper to me\_tell me, O Four Winds, what of the Feast of the Red Corn? What of the Feast of the Red Corn? Then, afar\_ far off, I heard a wailing, a long slow moan. Closer it came\_louder it grew until in my ears it formed and said 'No. No. No. O. Wsh. Wsh' and again still louder 'No Wish! No Wish!' and then moaning died. Tonight\_here. now again I must call on the Four Winds, and cry to the Four Winds and you must listen\_ you must hear what the great Four Winds say.

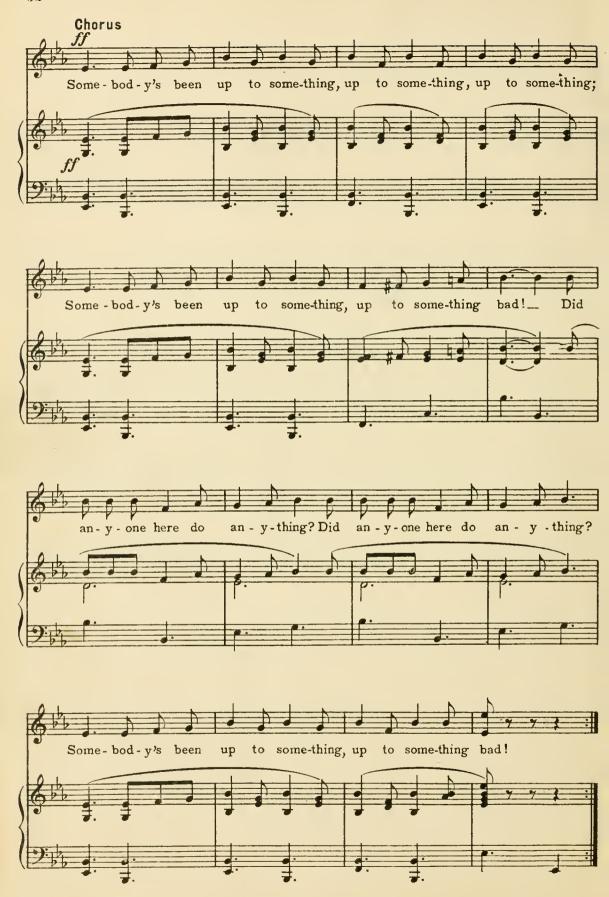












#### Old Squaw

Hark! Afar afar off I hear a wailing, a long slow moan afar it is. Very far but it comes closer closer now it grows in my ears soon in your ears. Listen, and hear.

#### Chorus (Singing very loud)

"Somebody's been"etc.. (Old Squaw tries in vain to stop them. At end of chorus all listen and then Old Squaw begins. "No-o-o wsh, No-o-o wsh-sh-sh," repeated several times.)

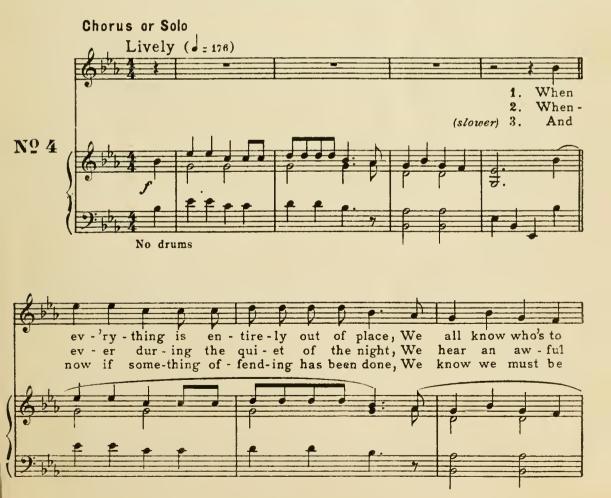
#### Chorus (cowering)

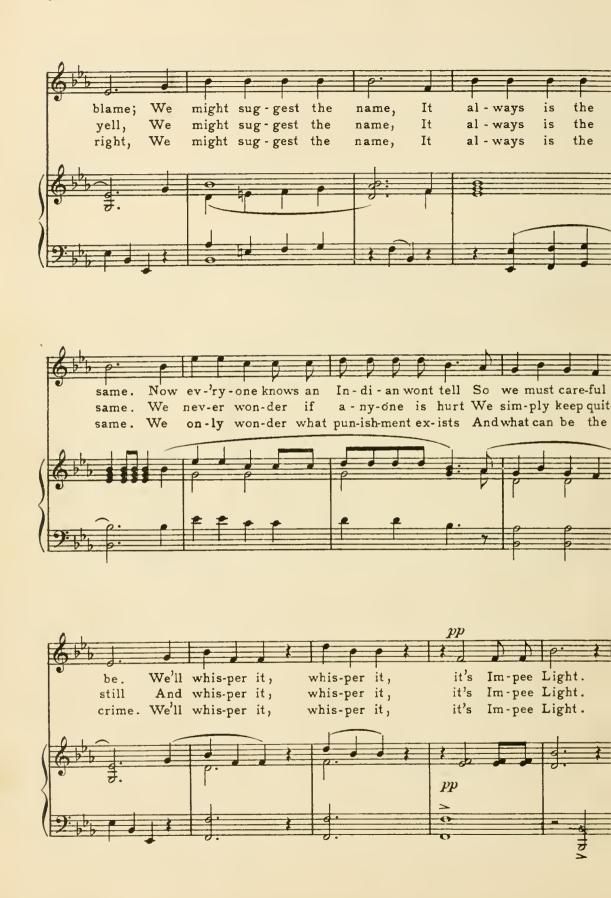
"No-o-o wsh, No-o-o wsh!"

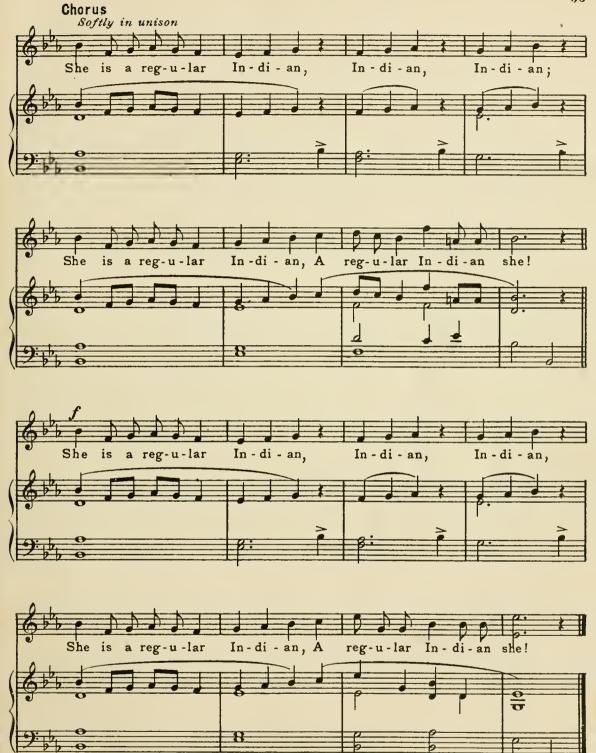
#### Old Squaw

Somebody has been up to something. know you who? Will you tell?

# She is a regular Indian





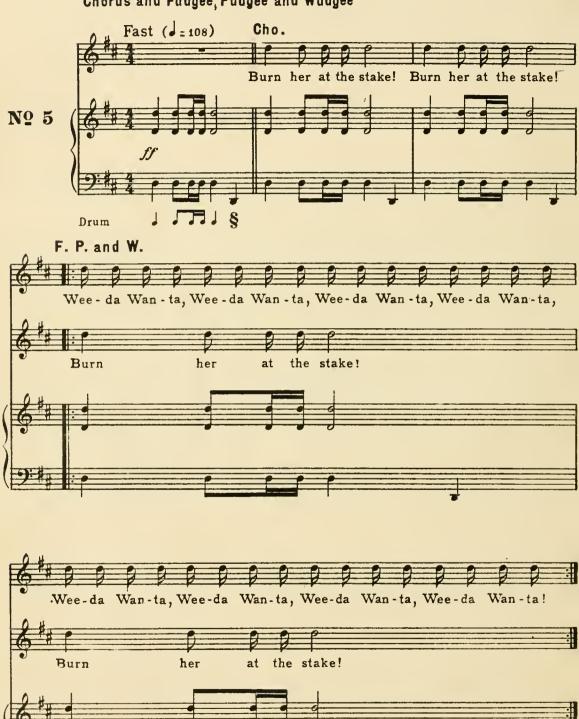


#### Old Squaw

What punishment! What crime! Great crime it must be. Four Winds are much angry. "No-o-o wsh!" Great crime is done great punishment must be. Fire is great punishment hot fire. Burn her burn her at the stake!

## Burn her at the Stake

### Chorus and Fudgee, Pudgee and Wudgee



#### Queen Weeda Wanta (Off Stage Singing)

O Star of the Farthest North, Eye of the Night!

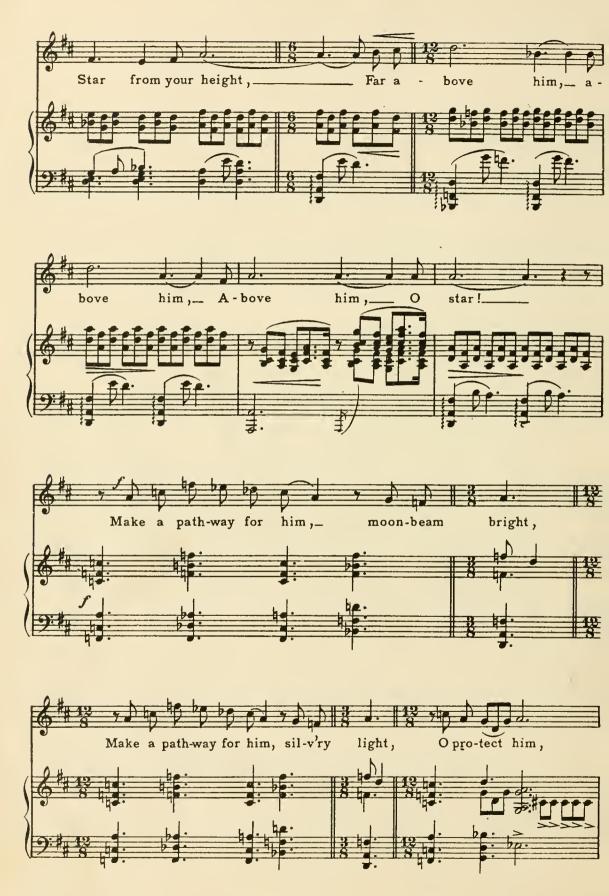
#### Old Squaw (Mockingly)

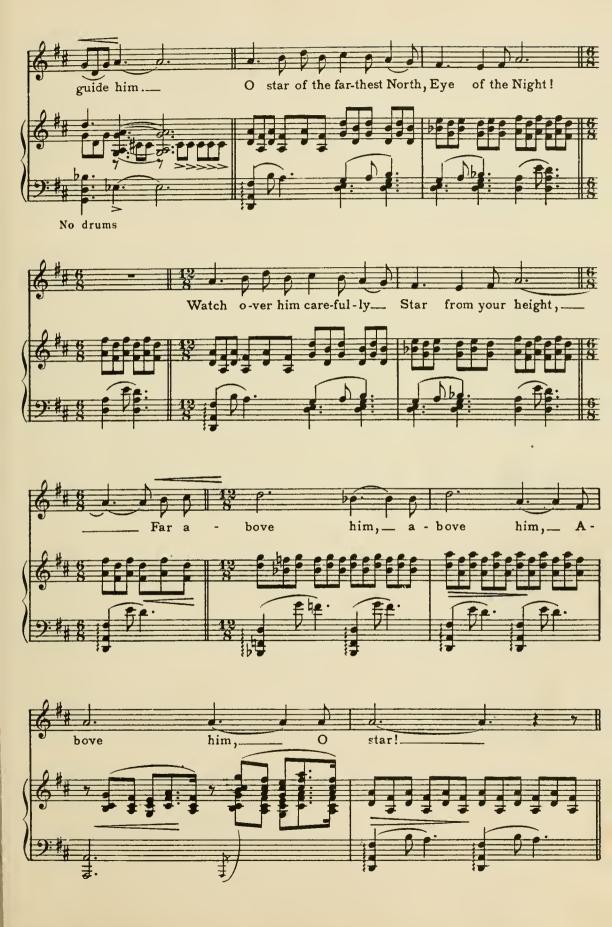
Foolish Queen. great fool. much faith! Many moons ago the great King went up into the North country to the wars. Many great battles and then silence. long silence. no word from the King. King dead. King dead! Queen, foolish Queen believe King alive. all day she looks to the North. All day she calls to the North for her King. Tonight she comes to the Feast of the Red Corn. comes to try to find Little Red Ear. to get message from Four Winds and find her King. (laughs shrilly) Hark! She calls and cries to Star of the Farthest North to guide and guard him, her King! (Squaw hides. Enter Queen)

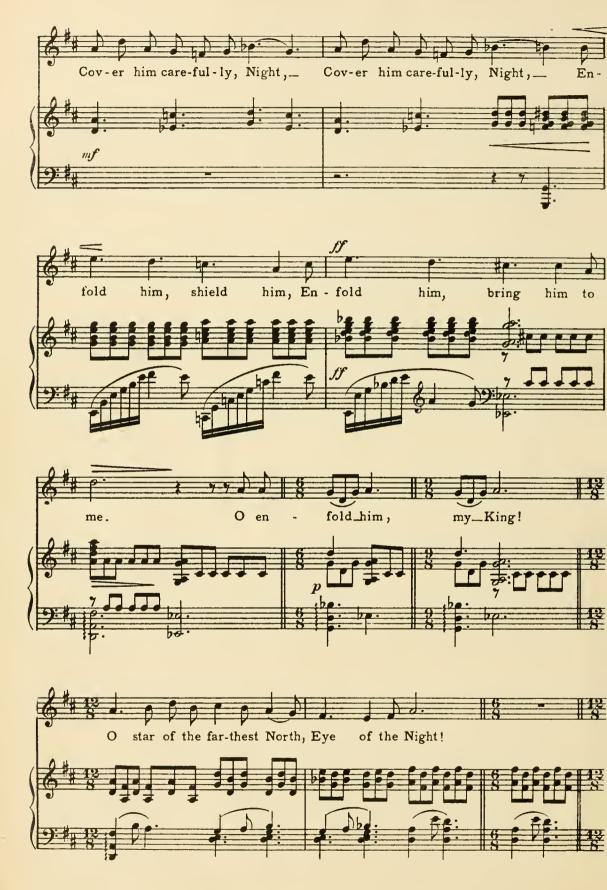
## O Star of the Farthest North

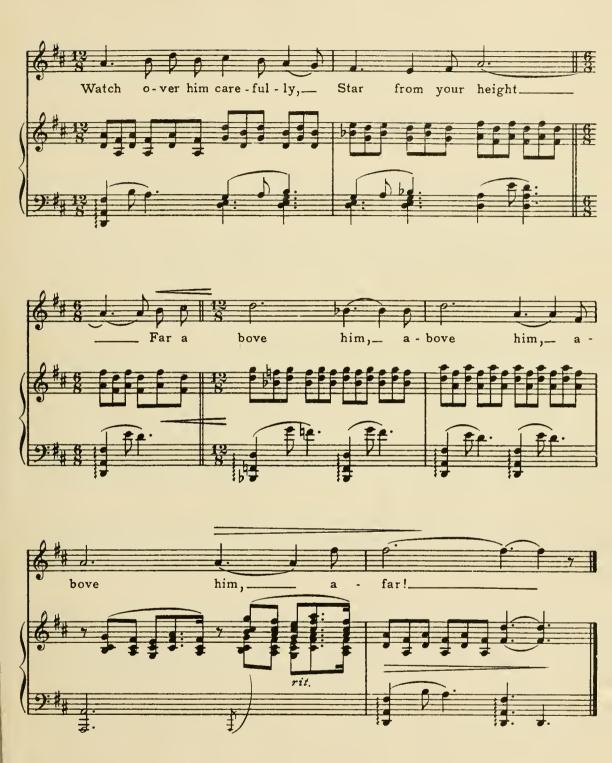








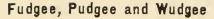




### Queen

There! There! Impee Light is a naughty, bad girl to be always teasing you. There! There! Tell me all about it. did Impee Light hurt my little ones? What did she do? Tell me, what did Impee Light do?

### What did Impee Light do?







#### F. P. and W. (Spoken in unison slowly)

And that isn't all! She tied war-feathers, on the sacred, stuffed bear!

Queen (Great Excitement.)

Run and bring me the sacred, stuffed bear run quickly. (Four girls run off.)

O Impee Light, Impee Light, what makes you so. Impee Light? Not one other maiden is so mischievous. so naughty or so boisterous. What makes you so? You are always teasing Fudgee, Pudgee and Wudgee. Always frightening them or annoying them but now what have you done?

What have you done?

(Enter four girls with sacred stuffed bear.)

### Old Squaw

Great crime! Great punishment! Burn her burn her at the stake!

Chorus (Singing)

Burn her at the stake!

#### F. P. W.

Weeda Wanta, etc.

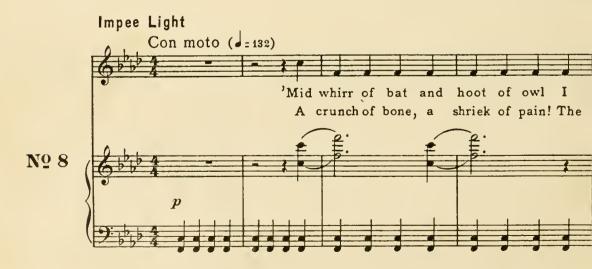
### Queen (Quieling them)

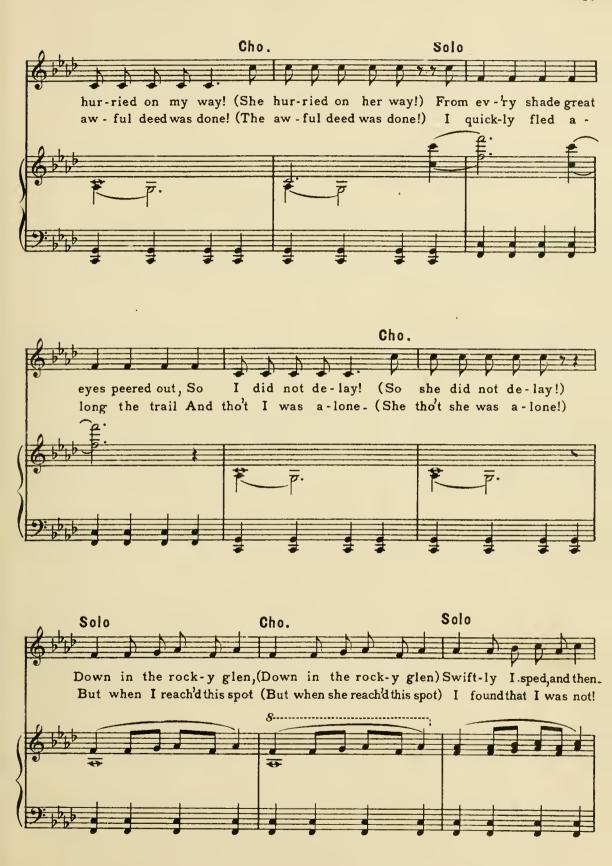
Now little sister, what have you to say for yourself? Speak up. defend yourself if you can. What makes you so, Impee Light? You must have inherited some savage, wild trait of our earliest ancestors.

### Impee Light

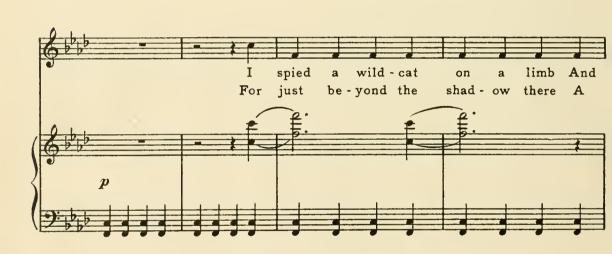
O Queen sister, last night I had a terrible time. Just at dark I ran down here to take a peep at the place where we would hold the Feast of the Red Corn and let me tell you about it. It was awful.

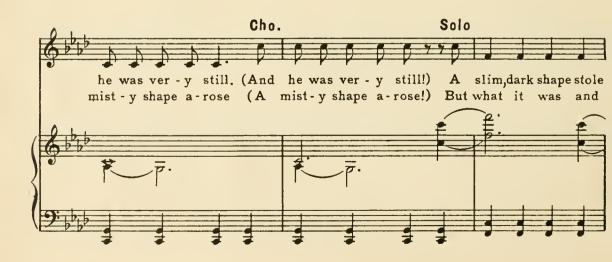
## I've inherited a most peculiar failing

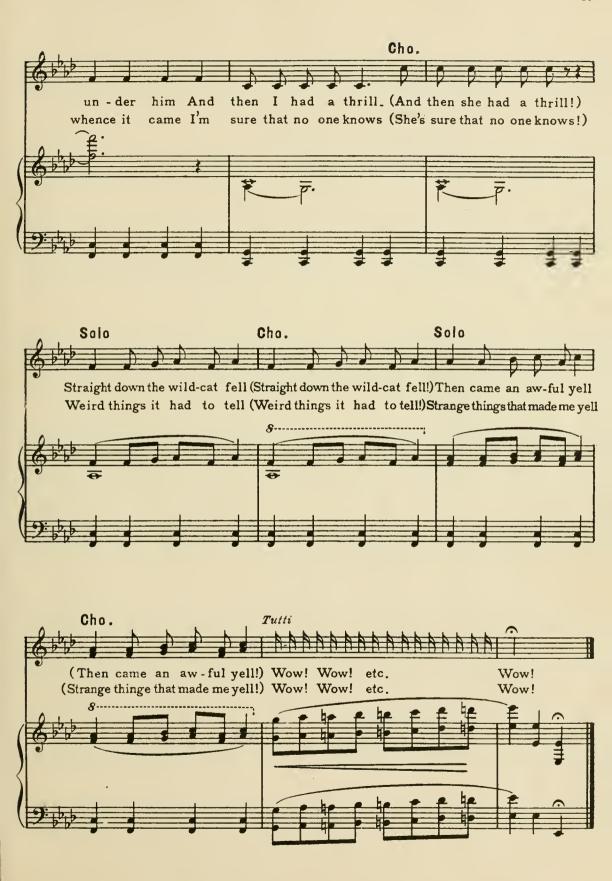






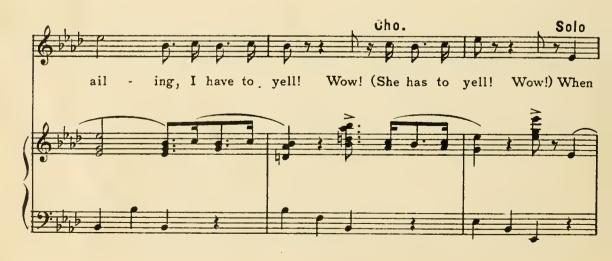


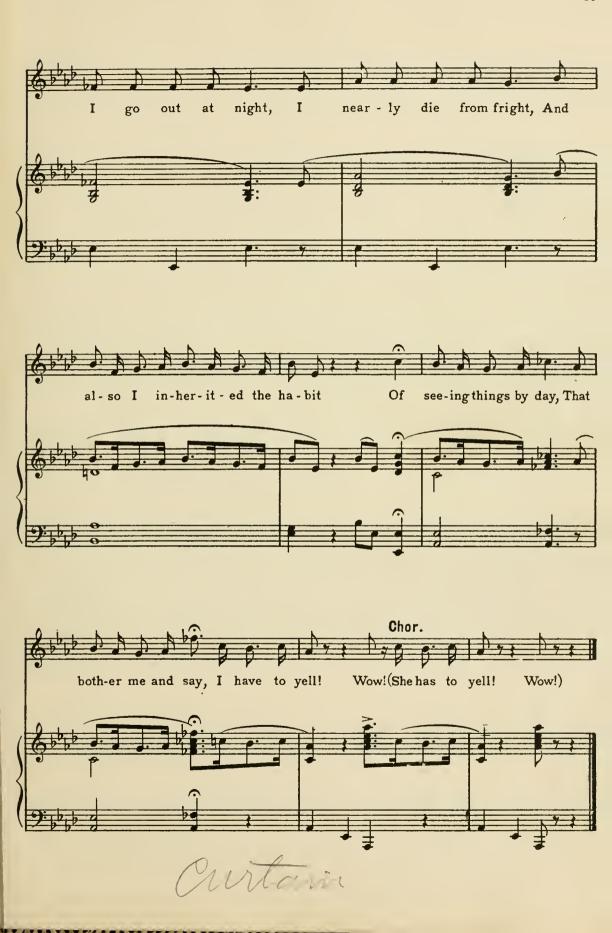












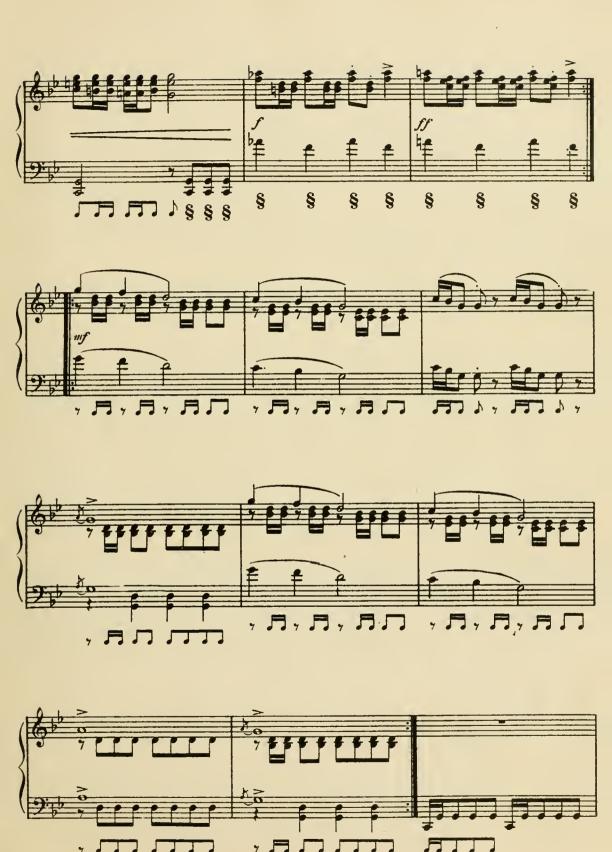
# Ghost Dance Ghosts of the Dead Trees

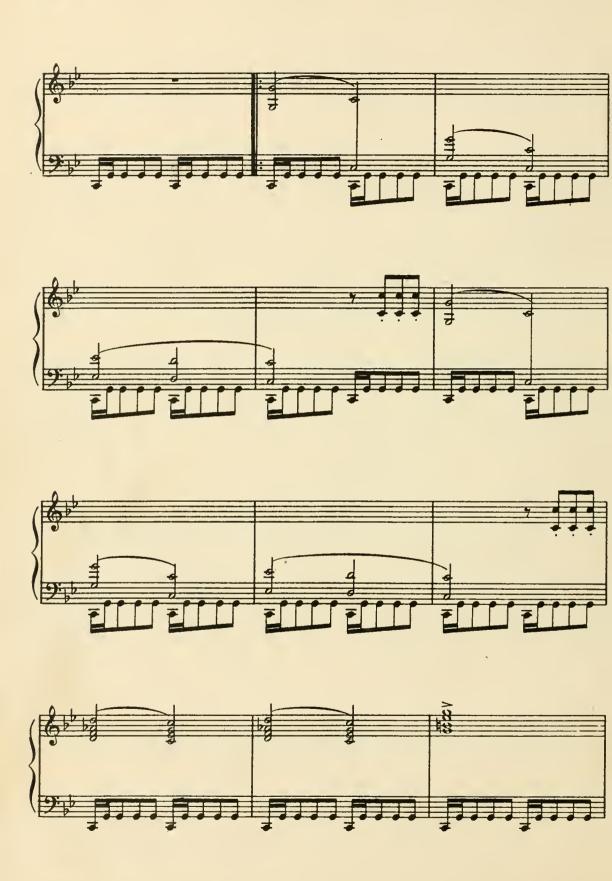


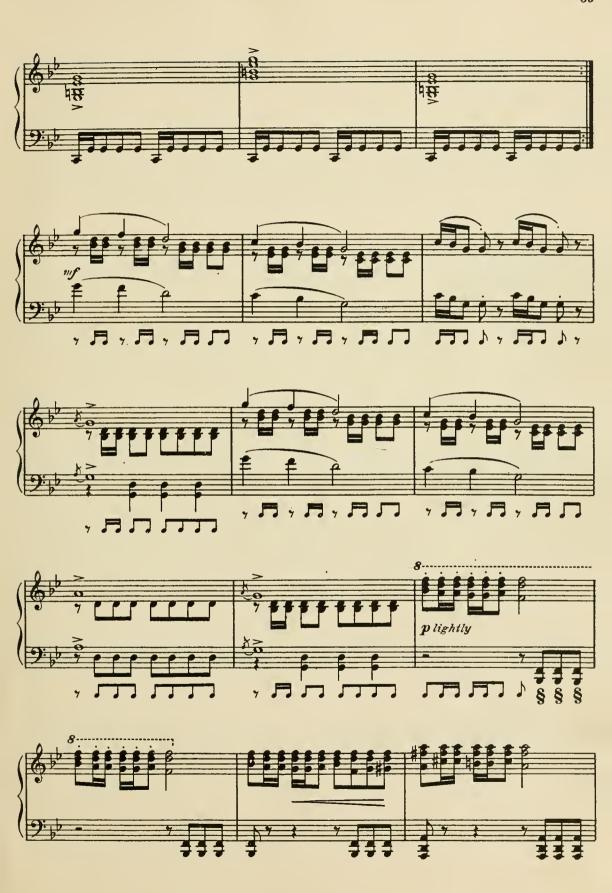


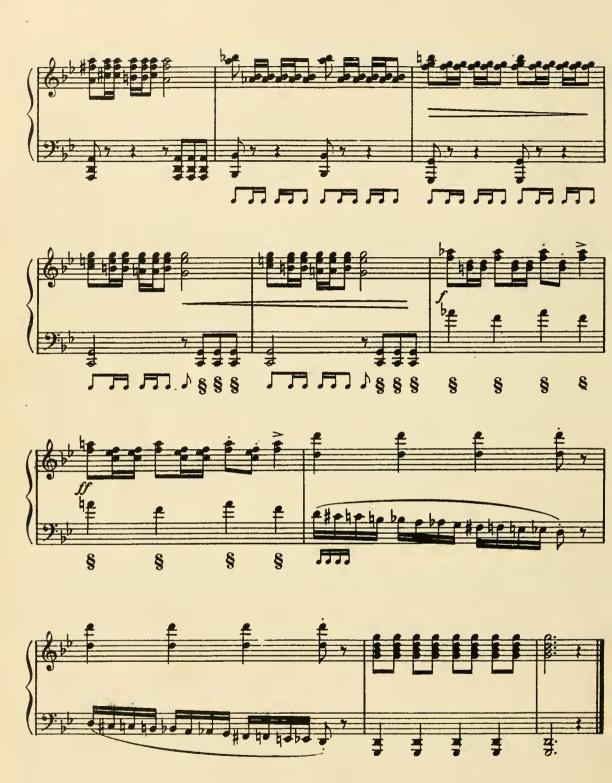








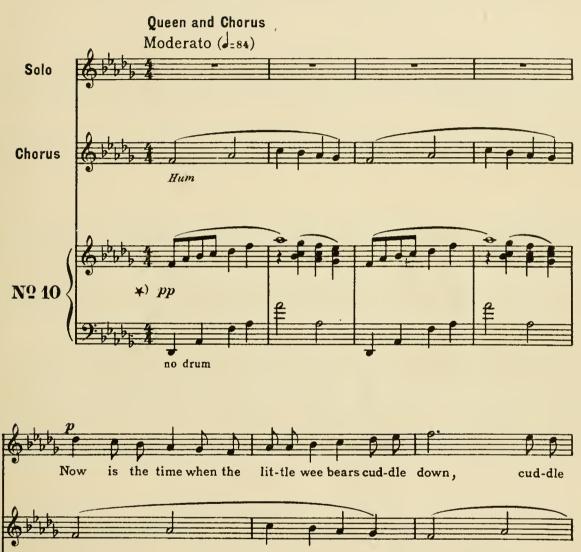




Queen (observing F.P. & W. are sleepy)

My little "Flowers of the Forest" are so tired. Come and lie down by me and listen while I tell you about the little, wee bears and birds.

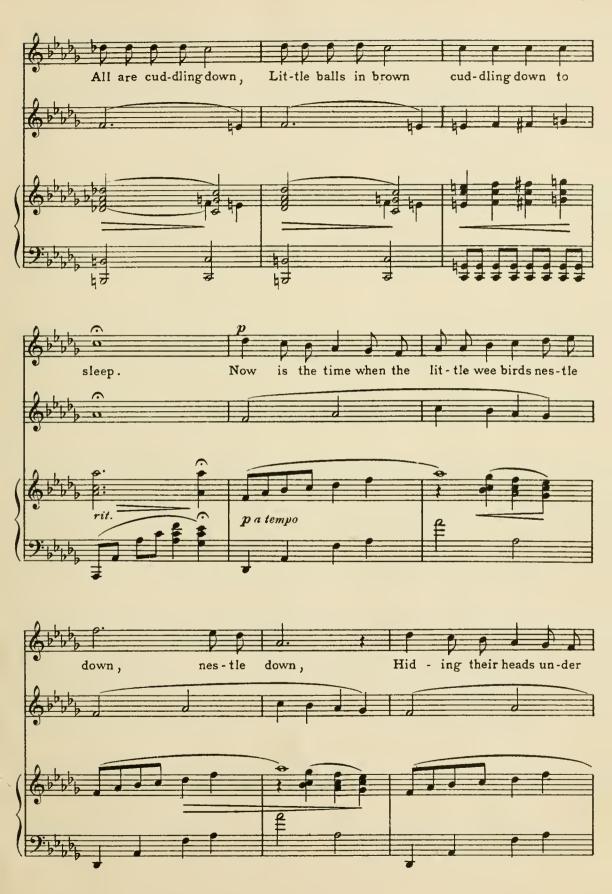
# Sleep Song





\*) For introduction, play first four measures





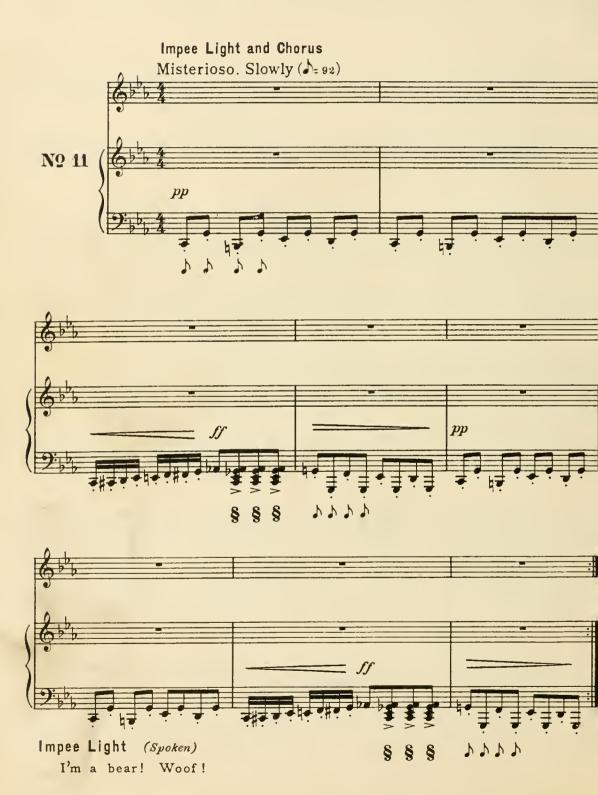


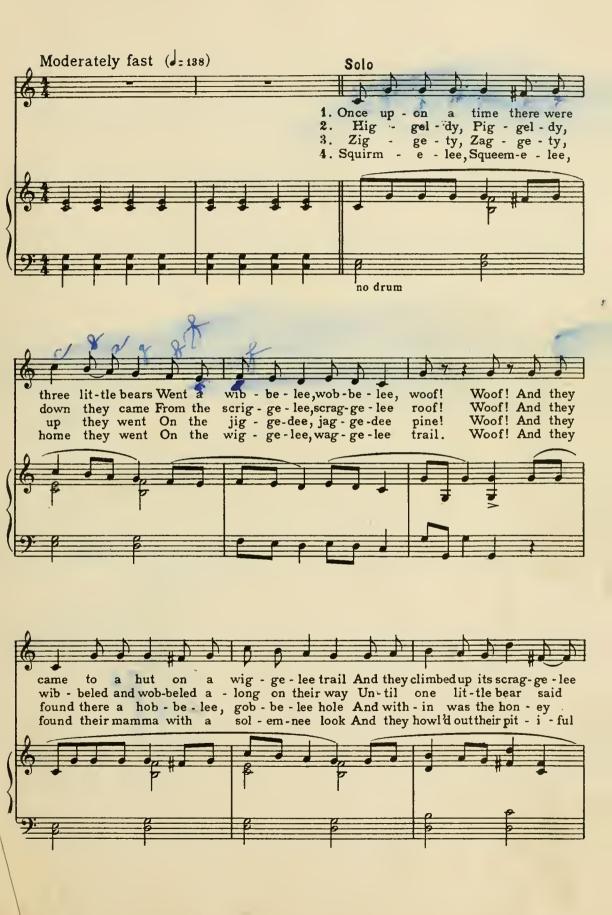


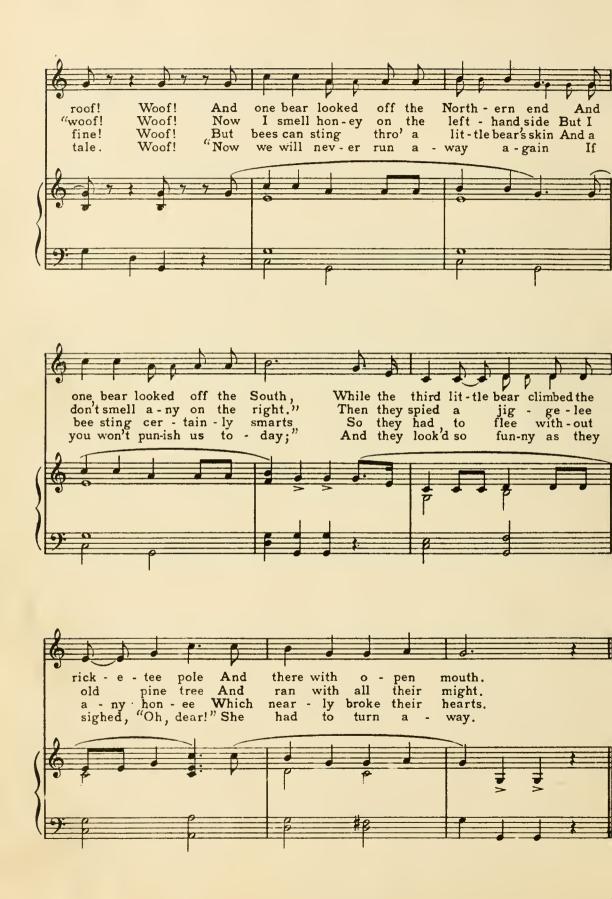
(Curtain) END OF ACT I

Act II

The Tale of the Three Little Bears











### Queen:

Now let's all go for a canoe ride in the early morning before we gather the ears of corn.

The sun is up and the air is cool. Come on! Away to the lake.

#### Old Squaw: (Entering with great noise)

Black Spiders! Green Snakes! No good in feast of Red Corn. Four winds very angry. Great crime. Much badness. No wish at feast. No feast! No feast!

#### Queen:

Old Squaw I believe the Four Winds will forgive. I believe they will give a sign. Let us go in the canoes and perhaps something may happen to please the Four Winds so they will come to the feast of the Red Corn. Come maidens, let us go. Come children! Stand back,

(Old Squaw retires grumbling)

(2) 9

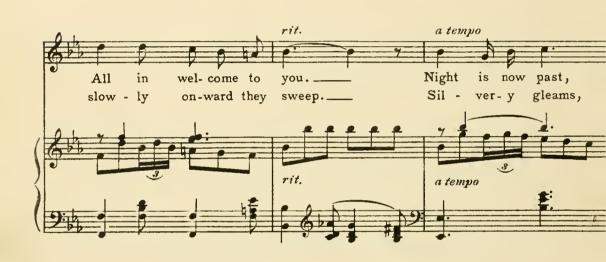
Old Squaw and we will soon return.

Canoe Song

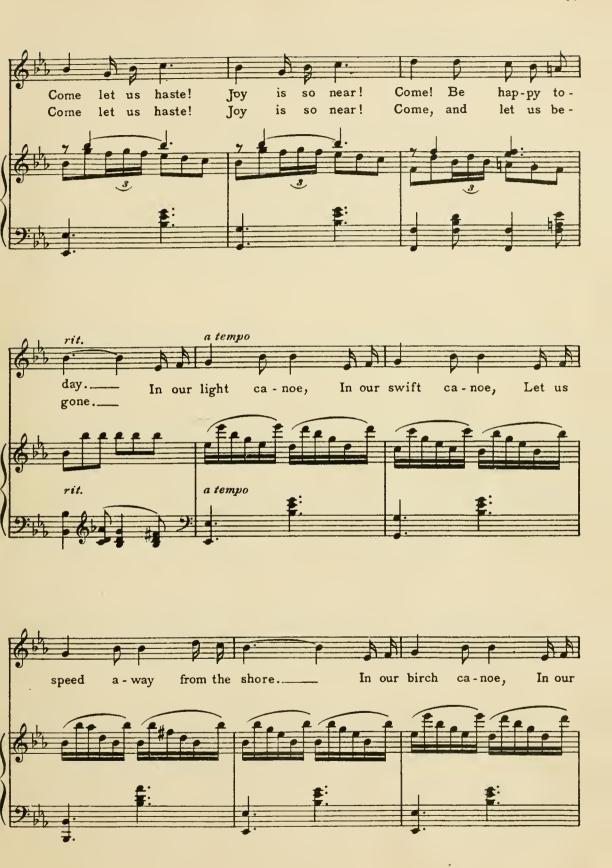


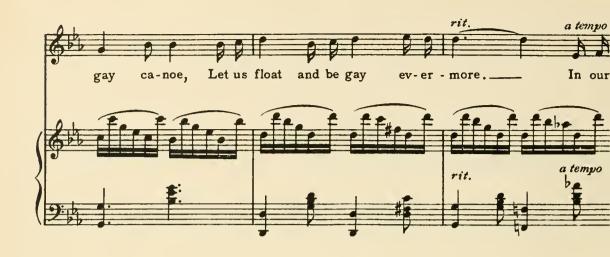




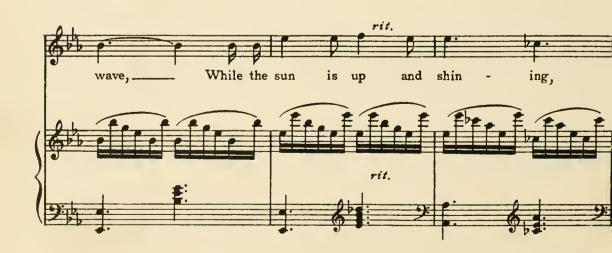
















# Entrance of Old Squaw

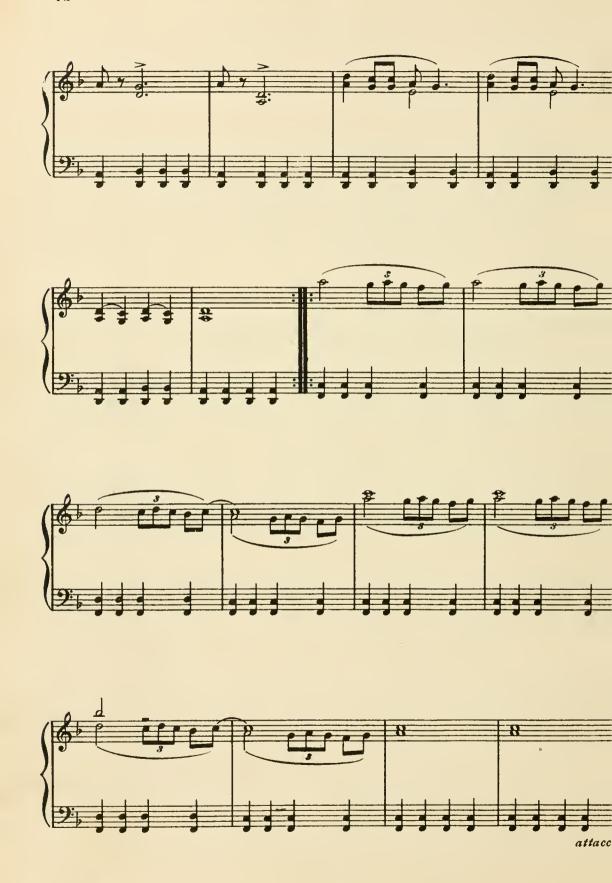




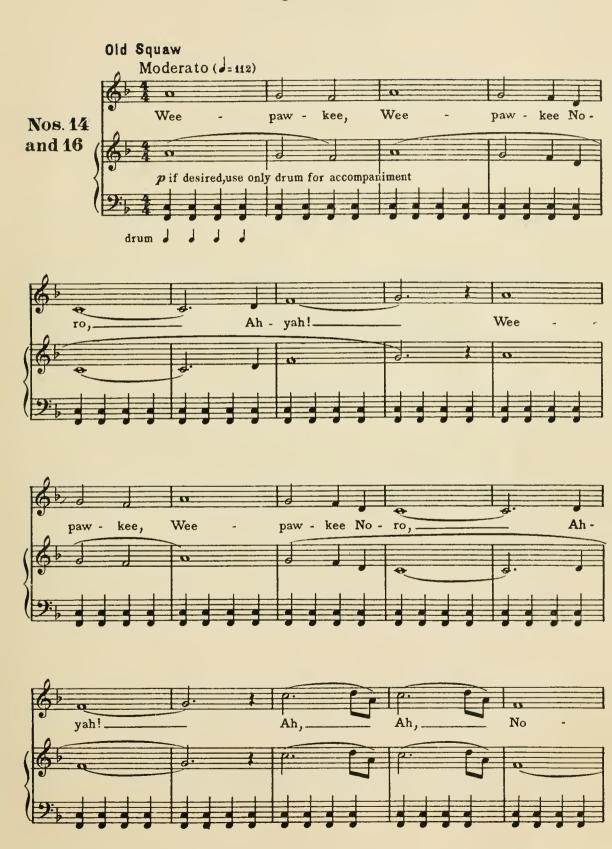


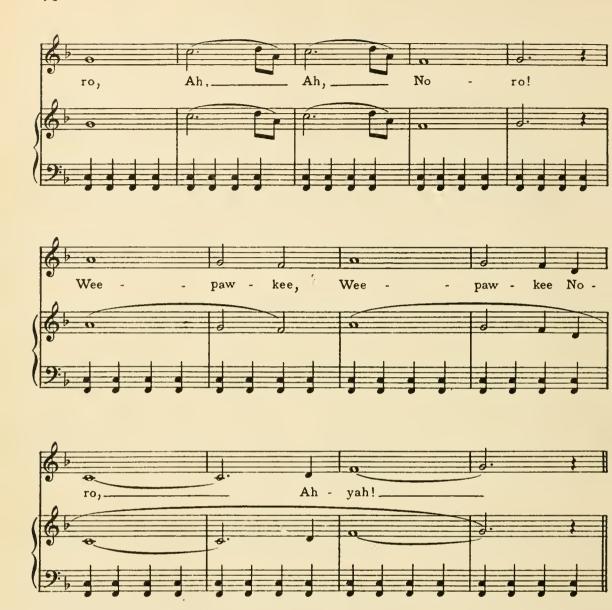


\* For entrance of Old Squaw, play straight through using second ending and no repeats For "Flaming Arrow Dance" observe all repeat signs and play until end of dance



# Song of Sorrow





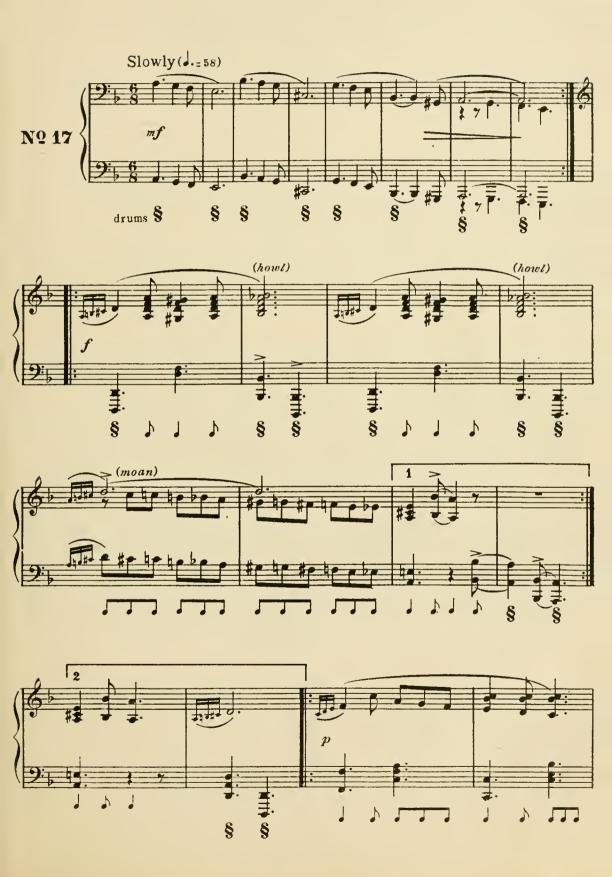
Here follows Flaming Arrow Dance using music of number 13.

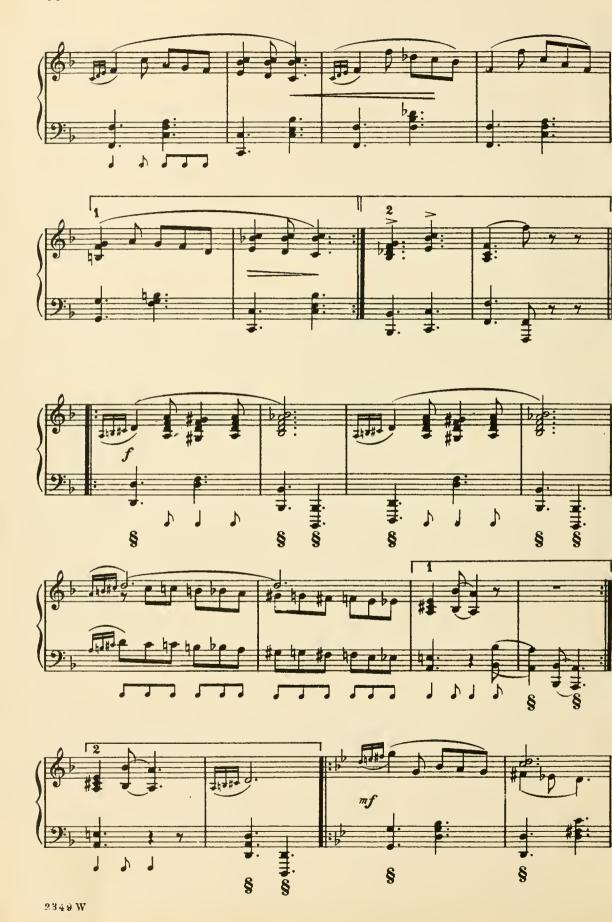
(Enter Queen and Chorus hysterical, without Fudgee, Pudgee, Wudgeo or Impee Light)

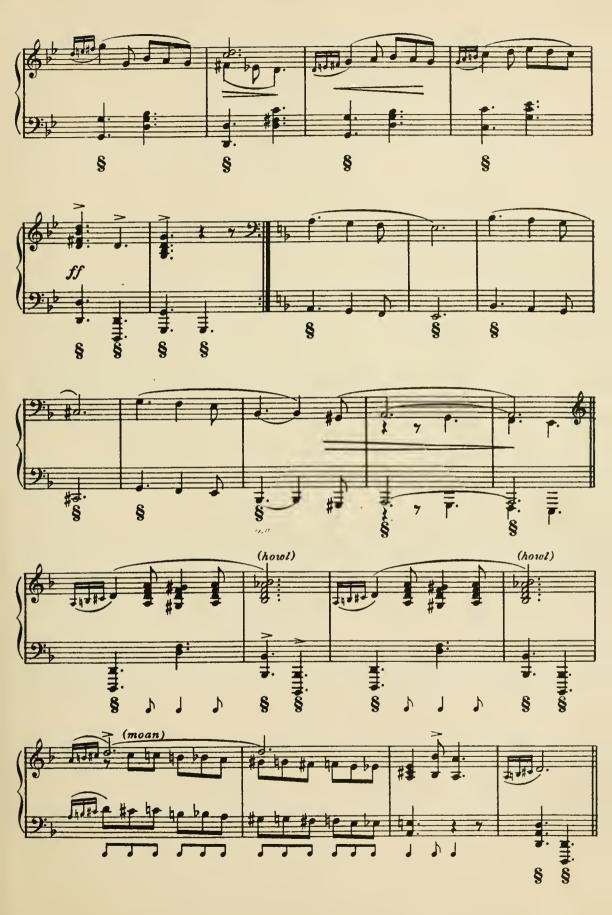
### Queen: (crying)

Oh. Oh. Oh. My children. the canoe upset. they went down. I know they are drowned. Impee Light was with them and she is drowned too. Oh. Oh. Oh. My little 'Flowers of the Forest'. They are dead. dead. They went down and never appeared again. I turned away couldn't bear to stay. Oh. Oh. Oh. they are dead. (All weeping, sing Song of Sorrow in unison)

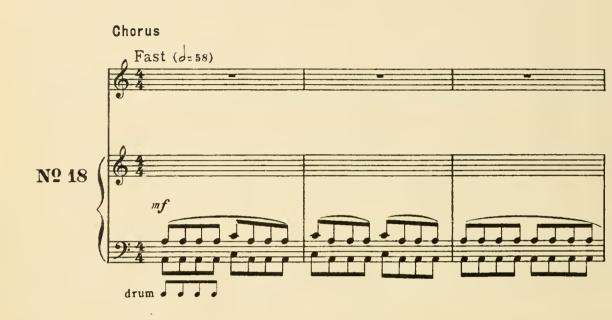
## Funeral March



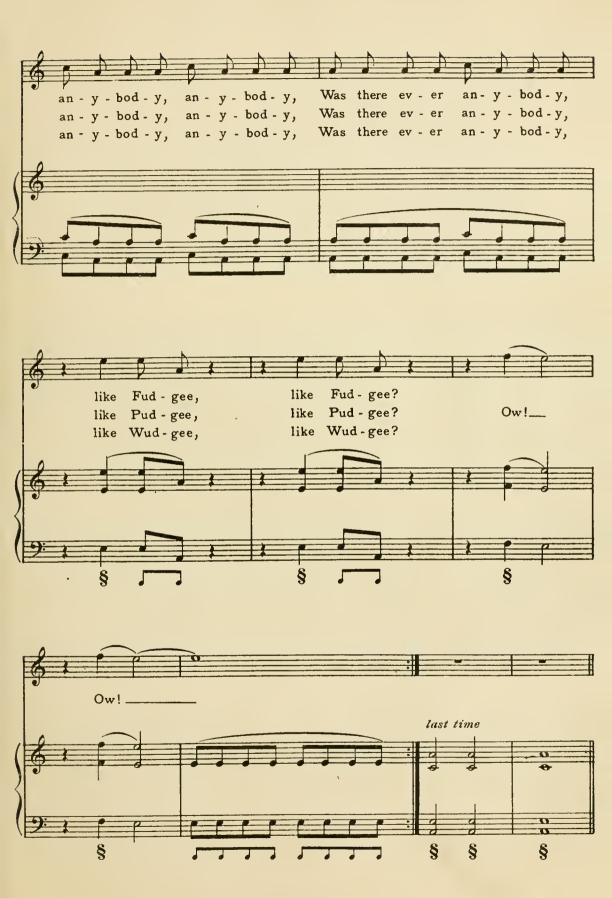




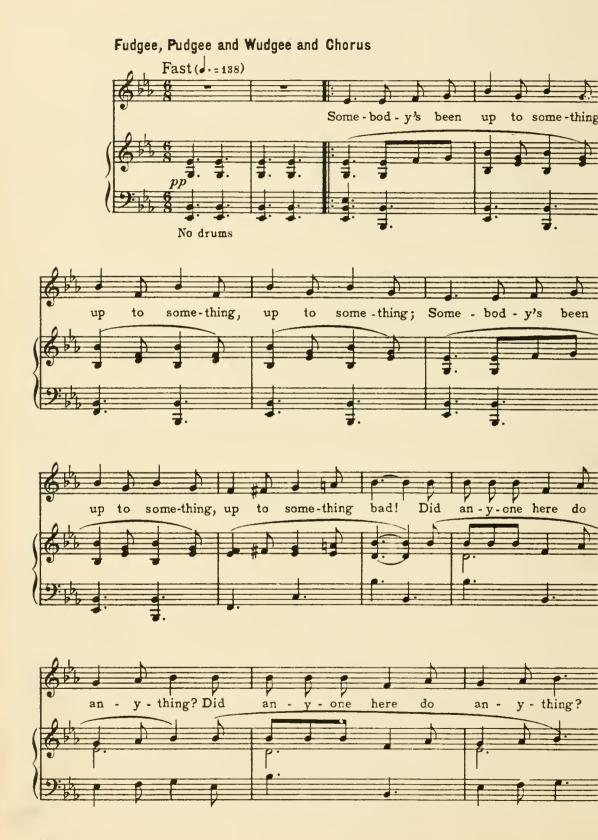
# Was there ever anybody

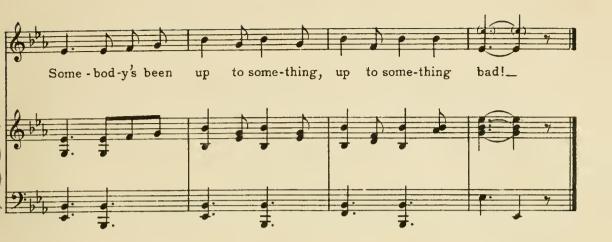






# Somebody's been up to something





Fudgee, Pudgee and Wudgee: (spoken slowly in unison.)

We are not dead at all, at all; we are not dead at all.

Fudgee: Impee Light told us how to play a joke on all of you by standing in shallow water under the canoe after it was truned upside down and she showed us where it was not deep and then we all tipped over the canoe and came up under it so our heads were out of the water. We stayed there until you all ran away. Wasn't that a good joke?

(Enter Impee Light yelling and laughing)

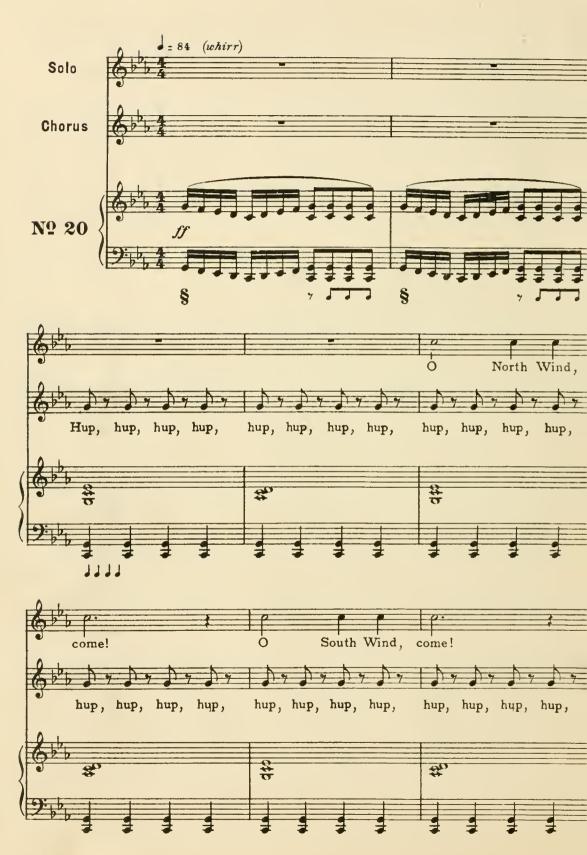
### Impee Light:

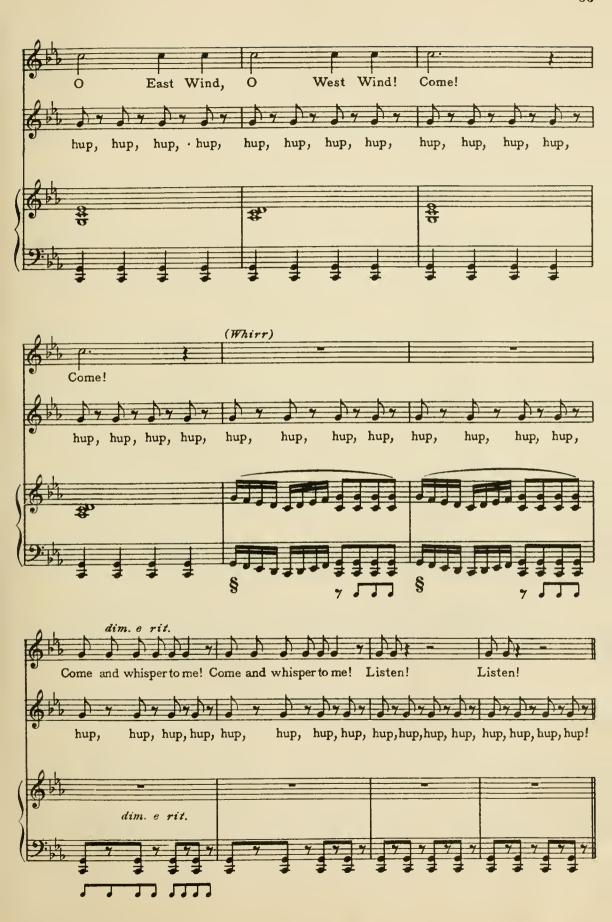
A joke, a joke, a funny, funny joke! Wow! (to the Queen) O Queen sister, even if it was a joke, I brought back Fudgee and Pudgee and Wudgee alive and well to you and I claim as reward, your forgiveness. (Bowing)

## Queen to Old Squaw:

While it was very mischievous, yet Impee Light did really save the lives of my three little "Flowers of the Forest" and I believe this will atone for her offense against the Four Winds. I do forgive you, Impee Light, and now Old Squaw, call again on the Four Winds and see if they will not hearken and grant the wish of the one who finds the little Red Ear.

# Incantation





### Old Squaw:

Hark! It comes! It grows in my ear! Listen! Listen! Sh.sh.wsh.wsh.wish.wish.wish! Chorus:

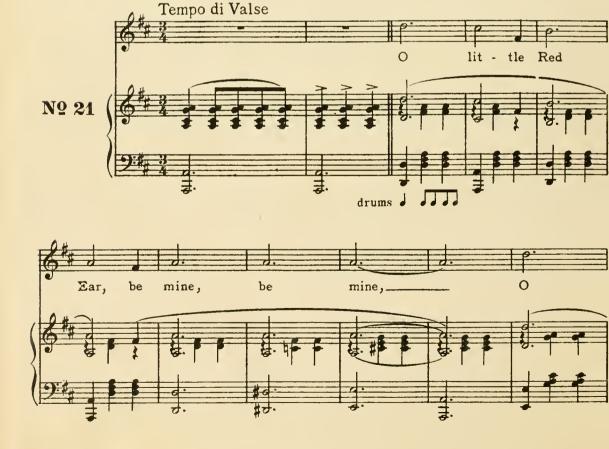
Sh\_sh\_ wsh\_wish\_wish\_wish!

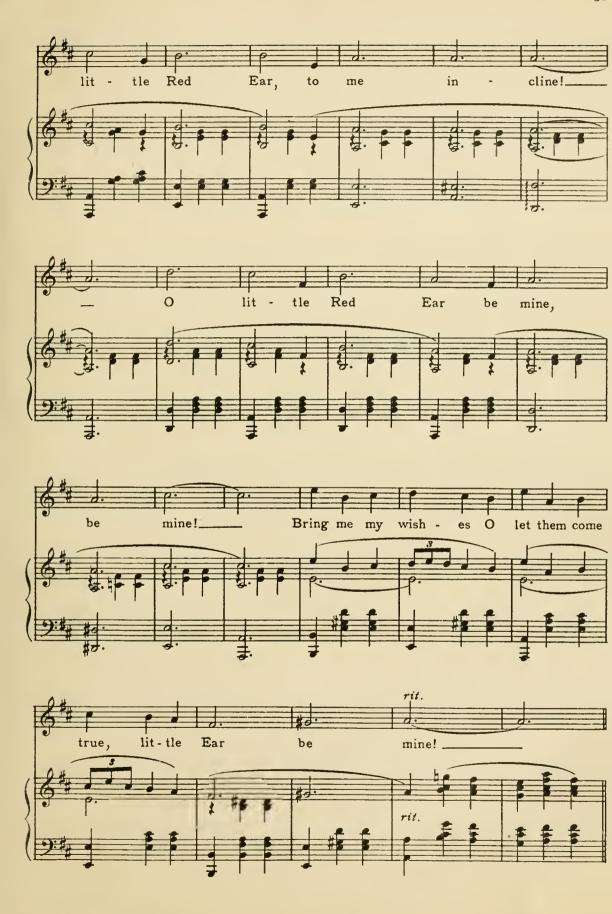
Chorus

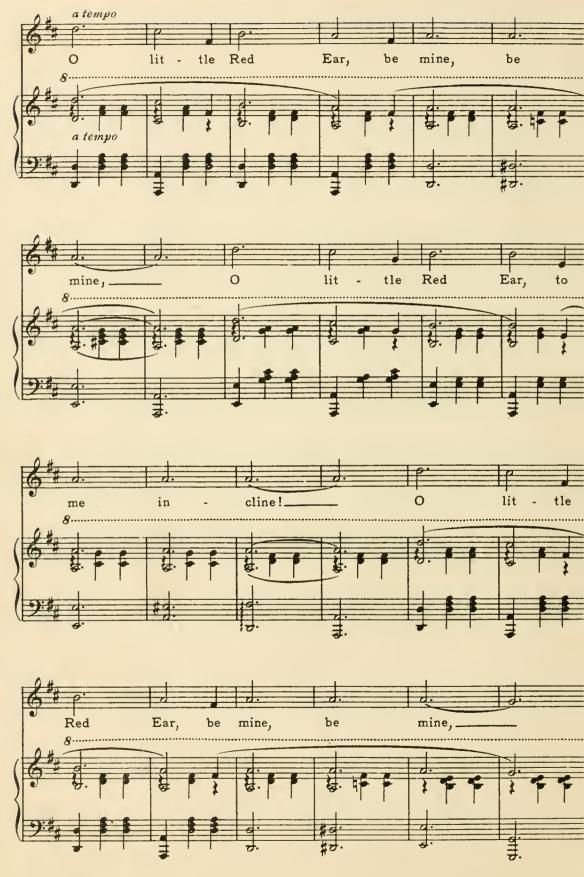
#### Queen:

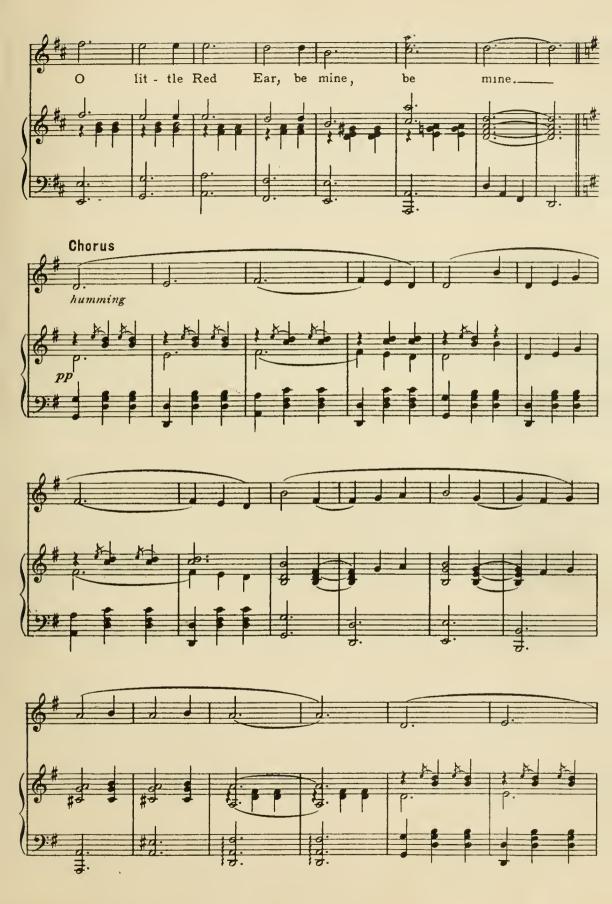
The Four Winds have harkened and they will grant the wish. Come, maidens, let's go gather the ears, and bring them here, to see who shall find the red ear and then have her dearest wish granted.

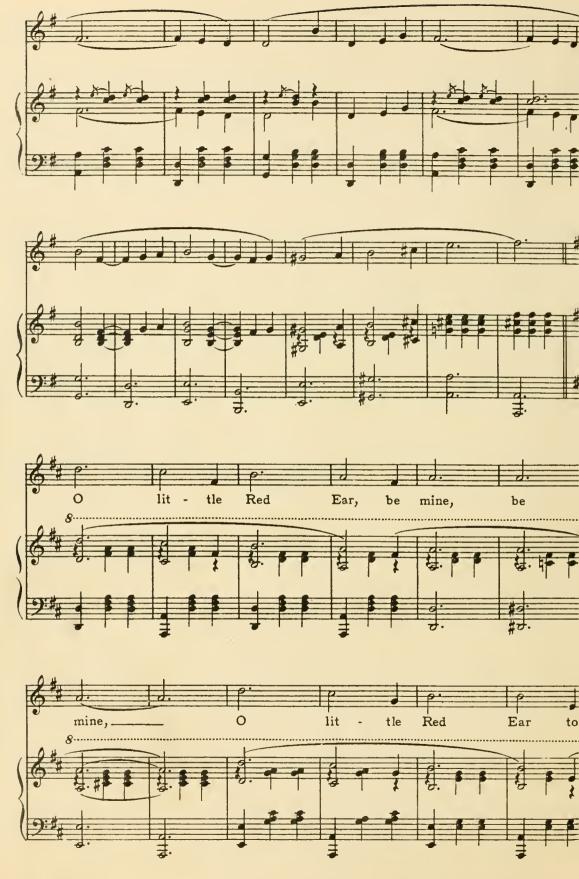
# 0 Little Red Ear

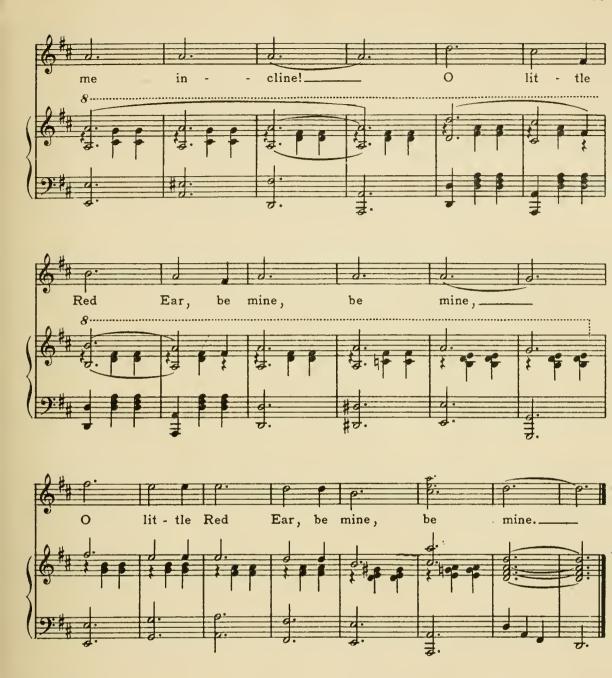












### Queen:

Now to choose each one an ear.  $\times \times \times \times$ . (music continues softly.)

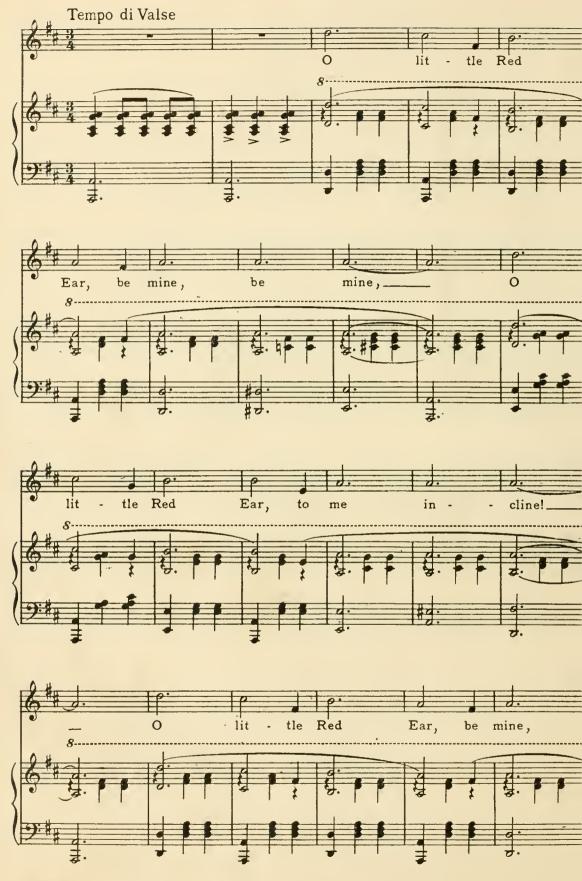
I have the Red Ear. Oh how happy I am. and my dearest wish is to know that my King is alive.

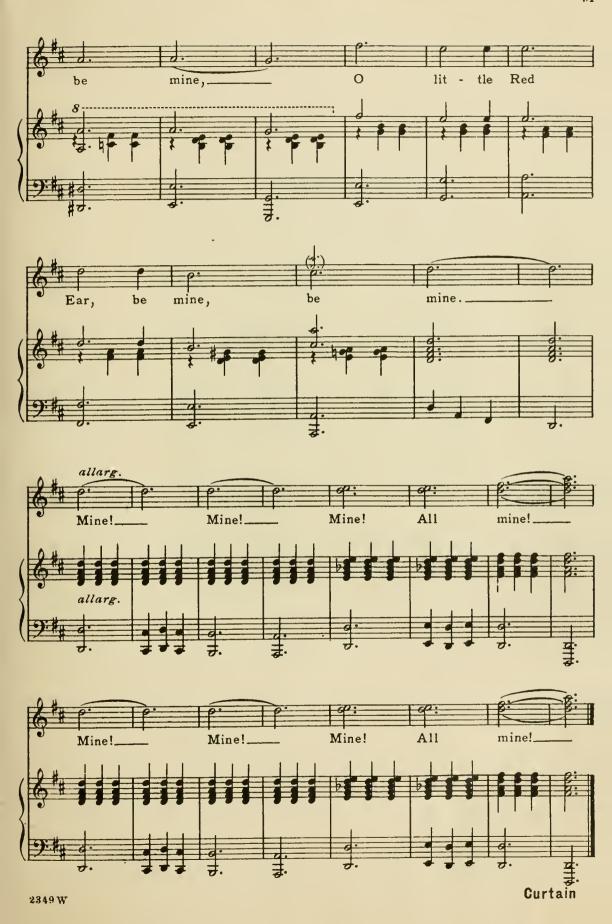
Old Squaw, stir the fire and let me see in the smoke if the Four Winds will give me a vision of him, my King.

#### Tableau

## Chorus (singing)

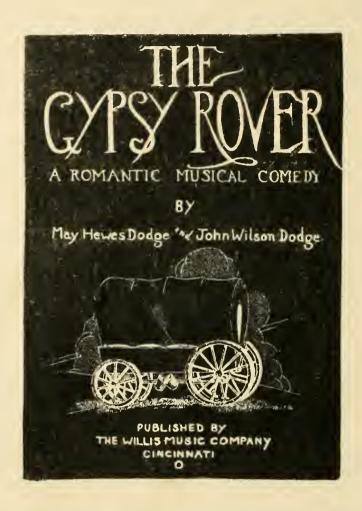
O little Red Ear. (Queen falls on her knees as she sees in the smoke the vision of the King.)





# A Popular Romantic Musical Comedy

With the Enchanting Atmosphere of Romany Rye.



Scenes laid in England during period of George III

Costumes of the period which are the same as our Colonial. May also be played in modern dress. Four female singing parts, five male singing roles, two male speaking roles. Mixed chorus and six children.

Nineteen Musical Numbers.

Three acts. One interior and one exterior scene

Stage Manager's Guide, \$1.00

Vocal Score, \$1.00

Orchestra parts upon rental.